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### **VIA FCC COURIER**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission Portals II, Filing Counter, TW-A235 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch

Submitted on behalf of Amigo Radio, Ltd., licensee of FM Broadcast Station KXXS, Marble Falls, Texas, are an original and four (4) copies of a Petition for Rule Making requesting a downgrade and re-allotment of the KXXS channel to Dripping Springs, Texas. Any questions concerning this matter should be addressed to undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted

Richard A. Helmick

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### **BEFORE THE**

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In the Matter of	)
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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b),	) RM
Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Statio	ons)
(Marble Falls and Dripping Springs, Texas	
To: Chief, Allocations Branch	
Audio Division	
Media Bureau	

### **PETITION FOR RULE MAKING**

Amigo Radio, Ltd. ("Amigo"), licensee of FM Broadcast Station KXXS, Channel 285C2, Marble Falls, Texas, through its attorneys and pursuant to Sections 1.401 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules, hereby requests that the Table of Allotments for FM Broadcast Stations, Section 73.202 (b) of the Commission's Rules, be amended as follows:

City	<u>Channel No.</u> <u>Present</u>	Proposed
Marble Falls, Texas	285C2	
Dripping Springs, Texas		285A

In support of such request, the following is set forth.

1. Amigo proposes to substitute Channel 285A for Channel 285C2 at Marble Falls, Texas (2000 U.S. Census population 4,959), re-allot Channel 285A to Dripping Springs, Texas (2000 U.S. Census population 1,548), and modify the license of Station KXXS to specify operation on Channel 285A at Dripping Springs. Marble Falls will continue to receive local service from noncommercial educational Station from KBMD, Channel 203A, Marble Falls, Texas, which provides a 70 dBu signal to Marble Falls. Accordingly, the Commission may modify the license of KXXS consistent with the requirements set forth in Section 1.420 (i) of the Rules and its allotment policies since the allotment of Channel 285A at Dripping Springs, Texas, is mutually exclusive with the current

allotment of Channel 285C2 at Marble Falls, Texas, and Marble Falls will not be deprived of its sole aural transmission service.

- 2. Pursuant to the FM allotment priorities set forth in Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC2d 88 (1988), since Dripping Springs will receive its first local transmission service as a result of this proposed re-allotment, <sup>1/2</sup> this results in a preferential arrangement of allotments as required by the Commission in Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License, 4 FCC Rcd 4870 (1989), recon. granted in part, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990).
- 3. Dripping Springs, Texas, an incorporated city governed by an elected mayor and five member city council, comprises 7.683 sq. kilometers and is located twenty five miles west of Austin, Texas, in northern Hays County. The Dripping Springs Independent School District consists of four schools, primary (preK-3), intermediate (4-5), middle (6-8) and high school (9-12), with an enrollment of 3,090 students. Dripping Springs has a public library and post office. Two weekly newspapers are published in Dripping Springs, the *News-Dispatch* and *Century News*. The community has a base of businesses, churches, community and civic groups and other organizations. Accordingly, based on the above information and other material set forth at Attachment A, Amigo submits that Dripping Springs, Texas, is a community for allotment purposes.
- 4. As set forth in the Engineering Statement of Hatfield & Dawson (the "Engineering Statement") set forth as Attachment B, Dripping Springs is wholly outside of the Austin Urbanized Area and the proposed re-allotment of Channel 285A at Dripping Springs would result in 70 dBu service to only 6.1% of the Austin Urbanized Area. Accordingly, no <u>Tuck</u> analysis is appropriate. <u>Faye and Richard Tuck</u>, 3 FCC Rcd 5374 (1988) ("<u>Tuck</u>"). <u>See also Rose Hill, Trenton, Aurora and Ocracoke, North Carolina</u>, 11 FCC Rcd 21223 (1996); <u>Headland</u>, <u>Alabama and Chattahoochee</u>, Florida, 10 FCC Rcd 10352 (1995).

A construction permit application (File No. BPED-19980908MC) is pending for a new noncommercial FM station at Dripping Springs; however, as noted in the attached engineering statement of Hatfield & Dawson, that application does not propose 70 dBu (3.16 mV/m) signal strength to any portion of Dripping Springs and, therefore, even if the application is granted, it would not provide a first local service to Dripping Springs. See Alva, Mooreland, Tishomingo, Tuttle and Woodward, Oklahoma, 16 FCC Rcd 1525 (2000), recon. denied, 16 FCC Rcd 7979 (2001), recon. granted in part, 17 FCC Rcd 14722 (2002).

5. The re-allotment proposal, which involves a change in the KXXS transmitter site, will result in a gain area of 460 sq. kilometers encompassing 113,001 people and a loss area of 6,510 sq. kilometers encompassing 332,262 people; however, the entire loss area is well served and will continue to receive service from at least five aural stations. The re-allotment proposal can be implemented in full compliance with the Commission's minimum separation requirements and community of license coverage requirements as discussed in the attached Engineering Statement. Accordingly, Amigo submits that the proposed FM channel reallocations would serve the public interest and the Commission is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making to implement the instant petition.

6. Should this petition for rule making be adopted, Amigo will promptly take all necessary actions to implement it and timely construct the proposed Dripping Springs facilities.

AMIGO RADIO, LTD.

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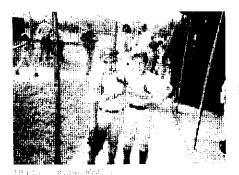






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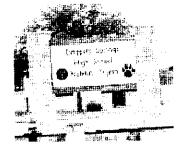
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## & EDUCATION



The Dripping Springs ISD operates four campuses. The entire community is involved in a carefully designed education system rated "exemplary" by the Texas Education Agency's Accountability Rating System.

# **3** FACTS and FIGURES

**City Population in 2000:** 1,330

 Tax Structure, Ad Valorem Property Tax for Fiscal Year 1998 (per \$100 valuation)

County \$0.3793
City none
School \$1.97

School \$1.97 (20% local option homestead exemption)

Fire \$0.03 E.M.S. \$0.03 Road \$0.0846

The city's portion of the current sales tax is 1%, yielding about \$135,000 of the annual revenue. The city's sales tax increased from 7.75% to 8% (voter approved May 2, 1998), which will add additional revenue to the city's coffers.

Type of Local Government: General law city No. of Council Members: 5, plus mayor

- Law Enforcement: Hays Co. Sheriff's Dept.
- Fire Protection: Volunteer organization
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Although many residents are employed in Austin, the area remains largely agricultural. While cattle, goats and sheep predominate, many ranches raise exotic animals such as fallow deer, ostriches, llamas, elk, and buffalo. Over 100,000 square feet of commercial space has been built within the city limits since incorporation in 1981, and numerous business parks provide office and retail space for the fast-growing population.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Hays County Sheriff (non-emergency) (512) 396-6166

County Commissioner (512) 858-7268

City of Dripping Springs (512) 858-4725

Constable (512) 858-7605

Justice of the Peace (512) 858-7446

Hays County Health Department (512) 858-4011

Dripping Springs Community Library (512) 858-7825

Dripping Springs Water Supply Corp. (512) 858-7897

Pedernales Electric Co-Op (512) 858-5611

Verizon Telephone (800) 483-4400

Dripping Springs I.S.D. (512) 858-

Superintendent (512) 858-4905

Elementary (512) 858-4901

Business Office (512) 858-4904

Intermediate (512) 858-4903

Curriculum (512) 858-4820

Middle School (512) 858-4902

Tax Office (512) 858-7809

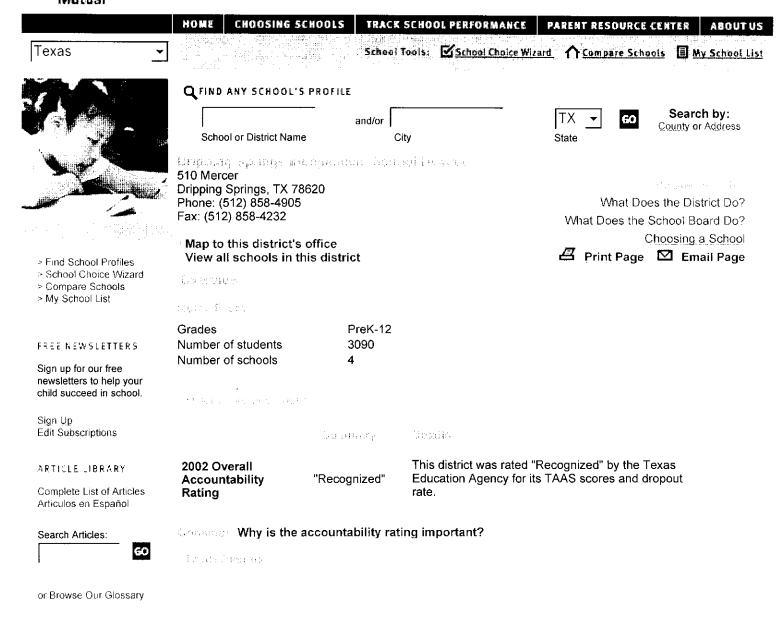
High School (512) 858-4612

Transportation (512) 858-5690

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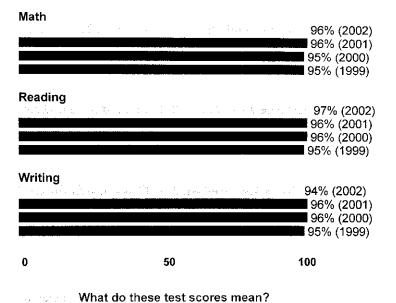
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- The TAAS is a "standards-based" test, which means it measures how well students are mastering the knowledge and skills needed to progress through school in Texas.
- The goal is that 100% of students pass the TAAS at each grade level.
   Students must pass the TAAS in order to graduate from high school.

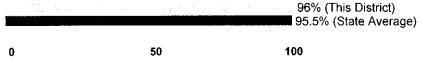
### Scale: % of students passing the test



#### Attendance

The attendance rate displayed below shows the percentage of days that students were present in this district.

### Attendance Rate



### **Annual Dropout Rate**

The annual dropout rate shows the percent of students enrolled in this district in 2000-2001 who dropped out. This number is especially important to schools in Texas because state accountability ratings are partially based on this number.

### **Annual Dropout Rate**

0.1% (This District)
■ 1% (State Average)

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### **District Operating Expenditures**

This table shows the district's operating expenses for the 2000-2001 year by function, compared to state averages.

	This District	State Average
Instruction and Leadership What's This?	\$ 3,107	\$ 3,611

Leadership What's This?	\$ 368	\$ 363
Central Administration What's This?	\$ 252	\$ 245
Other Campus Costs	\$ 2,038	\$ 1,948
Total	\$ 5,765	\$ 6,167

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The Gold Performance Acknowledgment (GPA) system acknowledges districts and campuses for high performance on additional indicators that do not affect accountability ratings. Any district or campus rated Academically Acceptable or Acceptable or higher may be considered for acknowledgment on GPA.

This school was acknowledged on the following indicators:

- College Admissions
- Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate
- · Recommended High School Program
- TAAS/TASP Equivalency

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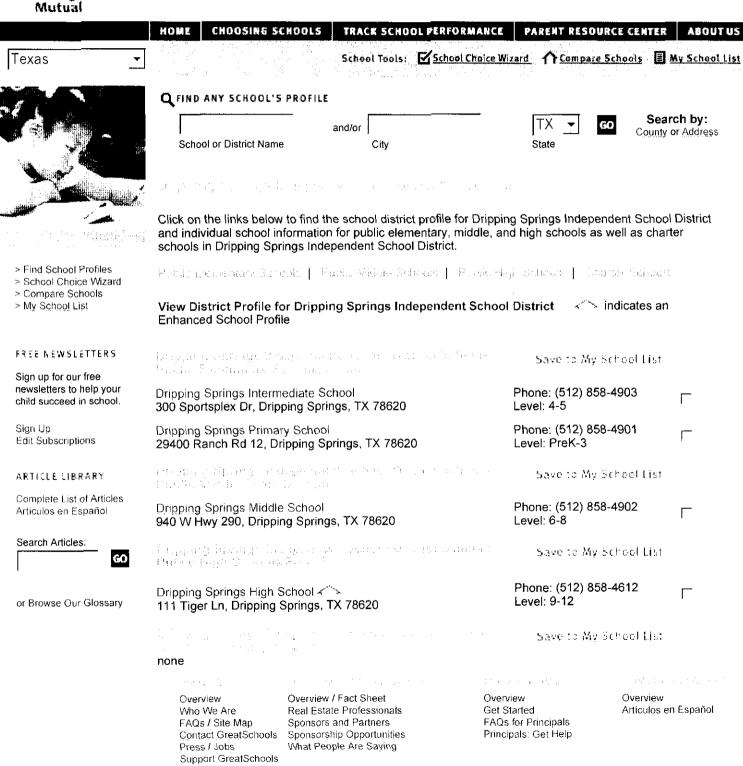
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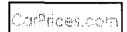
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**Statistics & Facts** 

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The population of Dripping Springs is approximately 1,033 (1990). The approximate number of families is 399 (1990).

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The amount of land area in Dripping Springs is 7.683 sq. kilometers. The amount of surface water is 0 sq kilometers.

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The distance from Dripping Springs to Washington DC is 1368 miles. The distance to the Texas state capital is 21 miles. (as the crow flies) Dripping Springs is positioned 30.18 degrees north of the equator and 98.08

degrees west of the prime meridian.

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### Location

Dripping Springs location: near Austin

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# **History & History Related Items**

Dripping Springs history:

Dripping Springs, Texas was established around 1875. A man named Fawcett came to the area near Barton Creek in about 1849 to begin settling the area. Now Dripping Springs is suburb of Austin, the state capital. There is quite a bit of ranching in the vicinity.

The settling of Dripping Springs: 1849
The founding of Dripping Springs: 1875

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**DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS**. Dripping Springs, on U.S. Highway 290 twenty-five miles west of Austin in northern Hays County, emerged as a community center before the Civil War.qv The first settler in the area is thought to have been a man named Fawcett, who arrived about 1849. Other families began farming the valleys of Little Barton and Onion creeks in the early 1850s, and in 1857 Dripping Springs opened what became a permanent post office. By 1884 the town supported several businesses, including a steam gristmill and cotton gin, and a population of 130. Education was provided by a public school and by the Dripping Springs Academy, which opened in 1881. The settlement's location on the Austin to Fredericksburg road made it a durable community center, and despite a population decline during the Great Depression, qv Dripping Springs developed into the principal town in northern Hays County during the twentieth century. With only minor fluctuations, its population has grown slowly but steadily since World War II. qv In the mid-1980s it reported twenty businesses and more than 600 residents. By 1990 its population had risen to over 1,000.

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Dripping Springs was founded in 1850 by the Moss, Wallace and Pound families. Eventually serving as a stagecoach stop and link in the freight line between Austin and Fredericksburg, it was not until 1857 that a post office was built. The last reported Indian raid occurred in 1872.

Education has always played a major role in the history of Dripping Springs. The Dripping Springs Military Academy (now the Masonic Lodge and the Visitors' Center) was established in 1881 by Baptist Minister William M. Jordan. The school's 200 student enrollment included boys from all areas of Texas. The military academy was ended after the accidental shooting death of Rev. Jordan's son during a mock battle. The Pedernales Baptist Association re-opened the school as a Baptist Academy and in 1921 the school was opened to the public. The initials of many local residents can still be found, carved into the stone and wood of the fine old structure.

The oldest existing building in Dripping Springs is the log room of the Pound House, built in 1844 and located in Founders Park. The Pound House is presently undergoing restoration with funds being acquired through the efforts of many dedicated citizens devoted to the history of the area.

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Southwestern Title Company Paul Watkins	Street: 800 Hwy 290 W, Bldg A, Ste 200 Dripping Springs, TX 78620	(512) 894-0187 (512) 894-3502 fax email
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Thomas Tinner	Dripping Springs, TX 78620	(512) 804-2984 email
Residential trash collection service	Mailing: Street: 1815 Overland Stage Rd. Dripping Springs, TX 78620	

UTILITIES - Services - Electric/Telephone/Water/Waste Water

Pedernales Electric Co-op Heather Richardson	Dripping Springs, 1X 78620	(512) 262-2161 (512) 262-7580 (512) 268-0328 fax email
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### **ENGINEERING STATEMENT**

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO AMEND SECTION 73.202 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

TO ASSIGN FM CHANNEL 285A FOR USE AT DRIPPING SPRINGS, TX

AMIGO RADIO, LTD.

**MAY 2003** 

### **Engineering Statement**

This Engineering Statement has been prepared on behalf of Amigo Radio, Ltd. ("Amigo"), licensee of FM station KXXS Channel 285C2 at Marble Falls, Texas, in support of a Petition for Rulemaking to amend §73.202 of the Commission's Rules to substitute Channel 285A for Channel 285C2 at Marble Falls, reallot Channel 285A to Dripping Springs, Texas, and modify the license of station KXXS to specify operation on Channel 285A at Dripping Springs.

The proposed reallotment plan will provide the first local service to Dripping Springs, an incorporated city with a 2000 Census population of 1,548 persons.

### **Channel 285A at Dripping Springs**

As outlined in the attached channel study, Channel 285A can be assigned for use at Dripping Springs in compliance with the Commission's applicable Rules and Regulations regarding the separation among FM allotments. For this study the coordinates of an existing tower (ASR #1234395 at NL 30° 11′ 54″ x WL 98° 00′ 46″) have been used. This site is 7 kilometers from Dripping Springs. The nominal distance to the 70 dBu F(50,50) contour for a Class A station is 16.2 kilometers. Therefore, this site will provide greater than 70 dBu coverage for all of Dripping Springs.

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SEARCH PARAMETERS FM Database Date: 030507

Channel: 285A 104.9 MHz

Latitude: 30 11 54
Longitude: 98 0 46
Safety Zone: 32 km
Job Title: DRIPPING SPRINGS 285A

Call Status	City (							Req (km)
NEW-T APP	ROLLINGWOOD TX BNPFT-030313BHE	231D 94.1	0.020 350.0		30-19-23 97-47-58		24.75	0 TRANS
NEW-T APP	AUSTIN TX BNPFT-030317AST	232D 94.3	0.010 466.0	DA	30-19-23 97-47-58	55.9	24.75 0.00	0 TRANS
NEW-T APP	WESTLAKE HILLS TX BNPFT-030313BMW	232D 94.3	0.070 243.0		30-19-23 97-47-58	55.9	24.75 0.00	0 TRANS
NEW-T APP	SAN MARCOS TX BNPFT-030314BFE	282D 104.3	0.220 81.0		29-54- 5 97-56-29	168.2	33.63 0.00	0 TRANS
NEW-T APP	SAN MARCOS TX BNPFT-030312AIL	282D 104.3	0.200 58.0		29-53- 0 97-54-56	165.0	36.15 0.00	0 TRANS
KQBTaux CP	TAYLOR TX BXPH-991014ABB	282C2 104.3	35.000 118.0		30-26~ 4 97-21-53	67.0	67.60 0.00	0 AUX
KQBT LIC	TAYLOR TX BLH-980616KB	282C2 104.3	48.000 150.0		30-26- 4 97-21-53	67.0 SS	67.60 12.60	55 CLEAR
KZEP-FM LIC	SAN ANTONIO TX BMLH-820806AJ	283C1 104.5	100.000 201.0		29-25- 9 98-29- 6	207.9	97.69 22.69	75 CLEAR
KZEPaux APP	SAN ANTONIO TX BXPH-021017AAZ	283C1 104.5	50.000 79.0		29-26-29 98-30-22	209.6	96.51 0.00	0 XUA
K284AH LIC	MENDOZA TX BLFT-001127AAS	284D 104.7	0.250 103.0		29-59-41 97-39-40	123.7	40.73 0.00	0 TRANS
K285ES CP	AUSTIN TX BPFT-970224TG	285D 104.9	0.050 129.0		30-19-25 97-48- 6	55.5	24.61 0.00	0 TRANS
NEW-T APP	GOBER TX BNPFT-030317GGO	285D 104.9	0.250 96.0		31- 6-28 97-22-10	31.2	118.18	0 TRANS
NEW-T APP	KARNES CITY TX BNPFT-030317GKI	285D 104.9	0.250 102.0		28-59-53 98- 0-19	179.7	133.04 0.00	0 TRANS
KBUK LIC	LA GRANGE TX BMLH-970318KB	285A 104.9	4.300 62.0		29-52-57 96-51-58	107.4	116.00 1.00	115 CLOSE

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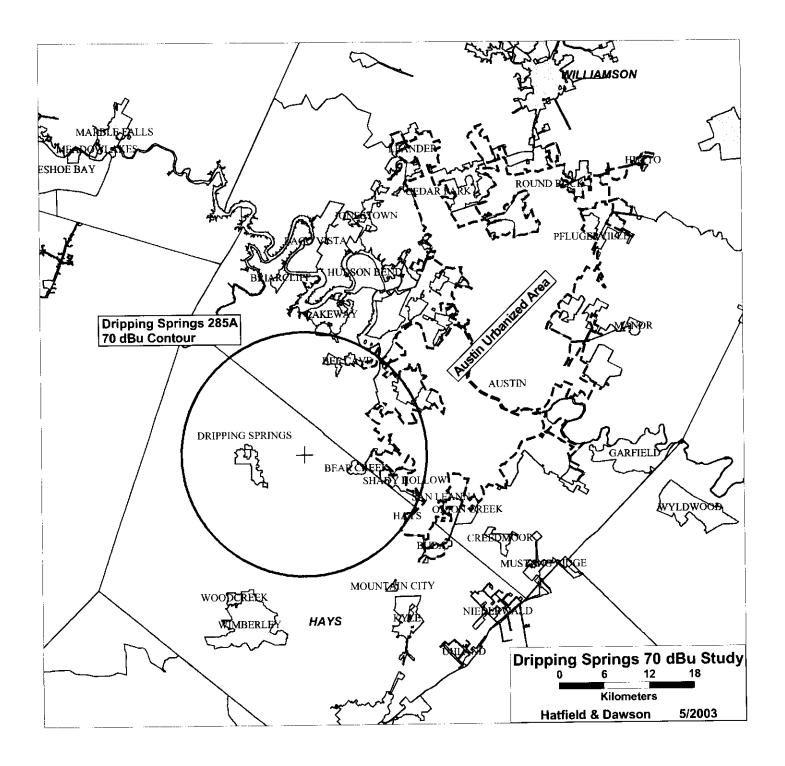
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Call	City C		ERP(kW)	Latitude	Bearing	Dist	Req
Status	St FCC File No.		HAAT(m)	Longitude	deg-True	(km)	(km)
KXXS	MARBLE FALLS	285C2	9.500	30-26-34	320.5	35.22	166
LIC	TX BLH-991201AAN	104.9	245.0	98-14-48		-130.78	SHORT
NEW-T	PLEASANTON	285D	0.250	28-58-26	197.9	142.63	0
APP	TX BNPFT-030317GTA	104.9	108.0	98-27-56		0.00	TRANS
NEW-T APP	AUSTIN TX BNPFT-030317KAY	286D 105.1	0.200 67.0	DA 30-15-13 97-42-25	78.1	30.07 0.00	0 TRANS
KHTZ	CAMERON	286C3	22.000	30-42-19	56.0	101.54	89
APP	TX BPH-981202IA	105.1	100.0	97- 7-56	SS	12.54	CLEAR
K286AK	ROUND ROCK	286D	0.250	30-31-17	40.4	47.16	0
LIC	TX BLFT-001221ACB	105.1	74.0	97-41-37		0.00	TRANS
KSMG	SEGUIN	287C	100.000	29-16-29		105.23	95
LIC	TX BLH-850314LP	105.3	381.0	98-15-52		10.23	CLEAR
NEW-T APP	SUNSET VALLEY TX BNPFT-030313BNP	287D 105.3	0.070 243.0	30-19-23 97-47-58	55.9	24.75 0.00	0 TR <b>ANS</b>

= END OF FM SPACING STUDY FOR CHANNEL 285 -



### First Local Service Considerations

The proposed allotment of Channel 285A at Dripping Springs will provide the first local service to that community. Marble Falls will retain full-time local service from station KBMD Channel 203A.

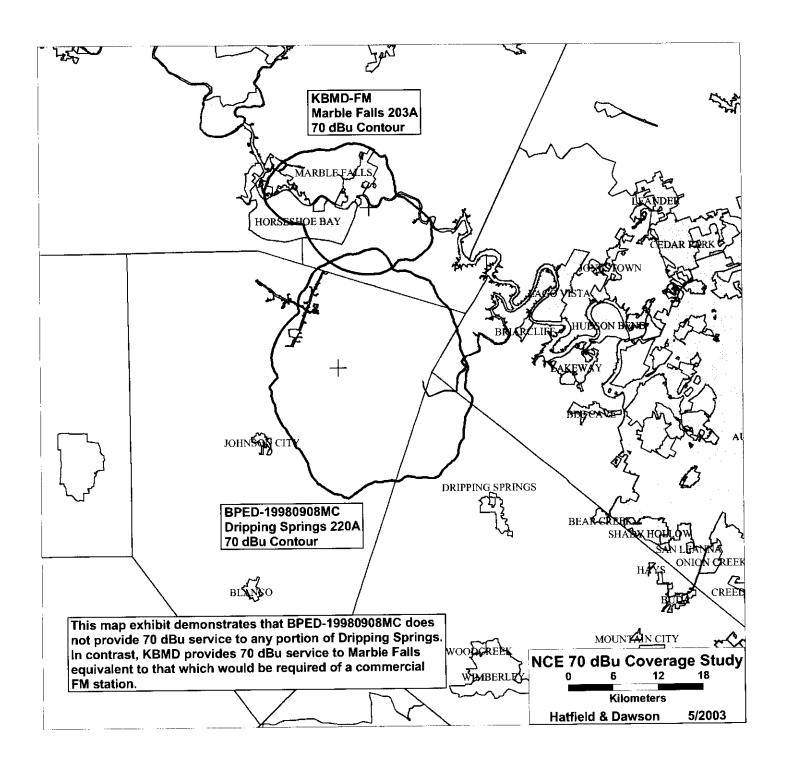
It is noted that there is a pending application (FCC File No. BPED-19980908MC) for a new non-commercial FM station to be licensed to Dripping Springs, and that the application appeared on a recent Public Notice (Broadcast Applications, Report No. 25474, April 29, 2003) announcing that it had been accepted for filing. Nevertheless, even if BPED-19980908MC is granted prior to consideration of the instant proposal, the allotment of Channel 285A at Dripping Springs would still be considered to be the first local service assigned to Dripping Springs, consistent with prior Commission precedent.

In the Report and Order in MM Docket No. 98-155, *Alva, Mooreland, Tishomingo, Tuttle and Woodward, Oklahoma* (16 FCC Rcd 1525, 2000), the Commission denied a request to reallot Channel 259C3 from Tishomingo to Tuttle, Oklahoma. The reason for that denial was that the sole remaining local service in Tishomingo, noncommercial educational station KAZC, did not provide any portion of Tishomingo with the principal community 70 dBu signal. The Commission therefore found that KAZC was not an adequate replacement service, and could not be counted as providing local service to Tishomingo.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This decision was upheld in the Memorandum Report and Order (16 FCC Rcd 7979, 2001), but was reversed in a further Memorandum Report and Order (17 FCC Rcd 14722, 2002), but only after station KAZC initiated operation with technical facilities which provided 70 dBu service to Tishomingo equivalent to that which would be required of commercial station licensed to that community.

As depicted on the attached map exhibit, BPED-19980908MC does not provide a 70 dBu signal to any portion of Dripping Springs. Therefore, consistent with the precedent set in *Alva*, *Mooreland*, *Tishomingo*, *Tuttle and Woodward*, *Oklahoma*, BPED-19980908MC (should it be granted prior to consideration of the instant proposal) should not be counted as providing a first local service to Dripping Springs.

In contrast, the attached map exhibit demonstrates that the sole remaining service at Marble Falls, noncommercial educational FM station KBMD, provides 70 dBu service to Marble Falls equivalent to that which would be required of commercial station licensed to that community. Thus, the presence of KBMD will ensure continued local service to Marble Falls.



### Gain and Loss Areas

The proposed reallotment plan will involve a transmitter site change. The gain area will encompass 460 km² and a 2000 Census population of 113,001 persons. The loss area will encompass 6,510 km² and a 2000 Census population of 332,262 persons. The following table and the attached map exhibit depict the gain and loss areas associated with this proposal.

Table of Gain and Loss Areas

Channel	Area and Population Served		
Marble Falls 285C2	8,569 km²	626,878 persons	
Dripping Springs 285A	2,519 km²	407,617 persons	
Common Area	2,059 km²	294,616 persons	
Loss Area	6,510 km²	332,262 persons	
Gain Area	460 km²	113,001 persons	

### White, Gray, and Underserved Area Analysis

The proposed reallotment plan will not result in the creation of any white or gray areas.

Neither will the proposed reallotment plan result in the creation of any underserved areas.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>In determining reception service provided by FM stations, the area of service circumscribed by the station's 1.0 mV/m signal contour was considered, assuming 1) actual facilities for non-commercial stations operating on reserved channels, 2) maximum facilities for the class of station for stations (other than Class C stations) operating on non-reserved channels, and 3) minimum or existing Class C facilities, whichever is greater, for Class C stations. For clear channel Class A AM stations, the service area was defined by the station's 0.5 mV/m groundwave contour, based on its licensed facilities. For all other classes of full-time AM stations, reception service was defined as that service received within a station's nighttime interference-free contour. See Meeker and Craig, Colorado, 15 FCC Rcd 23858 (2000), Stamps and Fouke, Arkansas, 14 FCC Rcd 10533 (1999), Silverton and Bayfield, Colorado, 14 FCC Rcd 4071 (1999), Malvern and Bryant, Arkansas, 13 FCC Rcd 8426 (1998), and others.

The entire loss area will continue to receive aural service from at least five stations. Service to the loss area is provided by the following 4 AM and 50 FM stations:

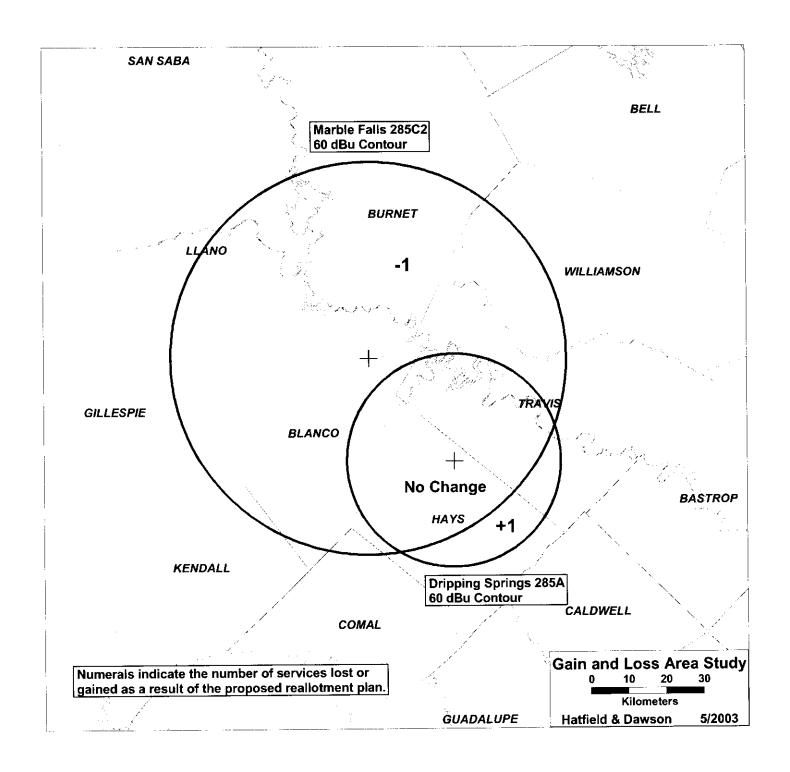
WBAP-AM KRLD-AM WOAI-AM KHLB-AM	820 kHz 1080 kHz 1200 kHz 1340 kHz	San Antonio Burnet	(Class A 0.5 mV/m) (Class A 0.5 mV/m) (Class A 0.5 mV/m) (NIF = 22.1 mV/m)
KNLE-FM	201A	Round Rock	
KBMD-FM	203A	Marble Falls	
KAZI-FM	204A	Austin	
KMFA-FM	208C1	Austin	
KTXI-FM	211A	Ingram	
KUT-FM	213C1	Austin	
KYFS-FM	215C1	San Antonio Killeen	
KNCT-FM	217C1		-FM 219A Hornsby (time-share)
KVRX-FM	219A 221A	Hutto	- W 219A Hornsby (unic share)
KQQQ-FM	221A 222C2	Kerrville	
KRNH-FM KBEY-FM	22202 223A	Burnet	
KXMG-FM	223K 227C	Cedar Park	
KLBJ-FM	227C 229C	Austin	
KRVL-FM	232C2	Kerrville	
KAMX-FM	234C	Luling	
KCOR-FM	236C1	Comfort	
KKMJ-FM	238C1	Austin	
Vacant	240A	Burnet	
KXXM-FM	241C1	San Antonio	
KBAE-FM	242A	Llano	
KHFI-FM	244C1	Georgetown	
KAJA-FM	247C	San Antonio	
KWTX-FM	248C	Waco	
KVET-FM	251C1	Austin	
KBBT-FM	253C1	Schertz	
KHHL-FM	255C2	Leander	
WACO-FM	260C	Waco	
KCYY-FM	262C	San Antonio	
KASE-FM	264C	Austin	
KONO-FM	266C1	Helotes	
KROX-FM	268C2	Buda	
KQXT-FM	270C1	San Antonio	
KPEZ-FM	272C2	Austin	
KTFM-FM	274C1	San Antonio	
KITY-FM	275C3	Llano	
KSSM-FM	276C3	Copperas Cove	

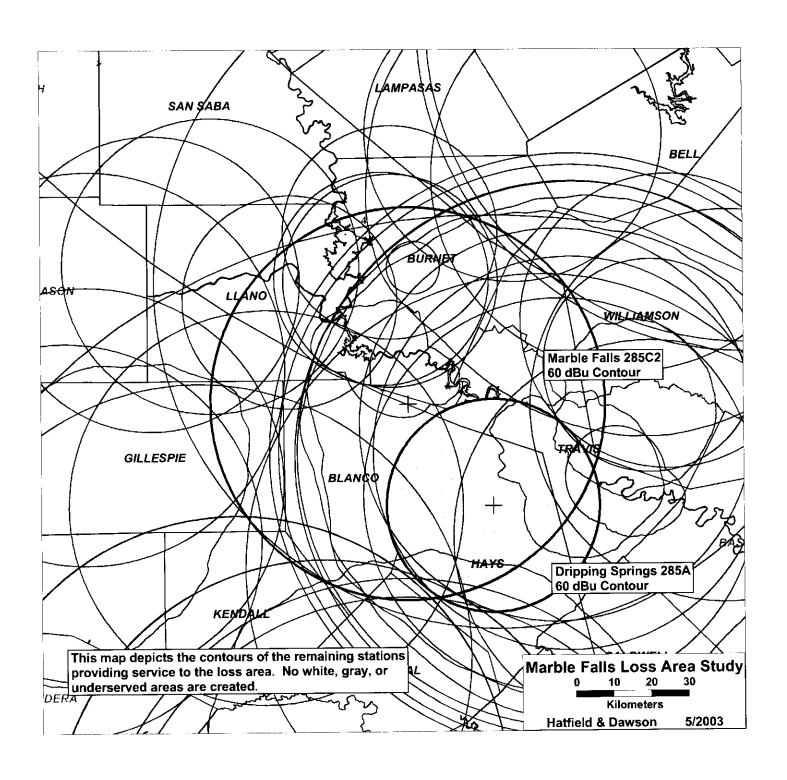
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KEYI-FM	278C	San Marcos
KQBT-FM	282C2	Taylor
KZEP-FM	283C1	San Antonio
KSMG-FM	287C	Seguin
KUSJ-FM	288C2	Harker Heights
New CP	289C2	Mason
KFMK-FM	290C2	Round Rock
KEXX-FM	293C3	Llano
KHLB-FM	295A	Burnet
KGSR-FM	296C2	Bastrop
KXTN-FM	298C	San Antonio
KTND-FM	299C3	Georgetown
KFAN-FM	300C2	Johnson City

# **Tuck Analysis**

The allotment of Channel 285A at Dripping Springs will provide 70 dBu service to just 6.1% of the Austin Urbanized Area. Dripping Springs is not located within the Austin Urbanized Area. Based upon these circumstances, no "Tuck" analysis is believed to be required in support of the proposed reallotment plan.





### Statement of Engineer

This Engineering Statement supporting a Petition for Rulemaking to revise the Table of Allotments at Dripping Springs and Marble Falls, Texas, has been prepared by Erik C. Swanson, EIT, under my direct supervision. All representations herein are true to the best of my knowledge. I am an experienced radio engineer whose qualifications are a matter of record with the Federal Communications Commission. I am a partner in the firm of Hatfield & Dawson Consulting Engineers and am Registered as a Professional Engineer in the States of Washington and California.

Signed this 28th day of May, 2003.



Benjamin F. Dawson III, P.E.